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SUBJECT: GRENADA'S CONSULAR REPRESENTATION TO UNITED STATES

REF: BRIDGETOWN'S A-54, DATED JUNE 7, 1974

1. DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS EMBASSY TRANSMIT FOLLOWING NOTE TO MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, GOVERNMENT OF GRENADA, IN REPLY TO GOG NOTE DATED JUNE 4.

2. "THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS HONORED TO AGREE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSULAR RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF GRENADA AND HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. FRANCIS MARTIN REDHEAD AS HONORARY CONSUL OF GRENADA AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK, FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND THE STATES OF NEW JERSEY AND NEW YORK."

3. WHILE DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO APPOINTMENT OF REDHEAD AS HONORARY CONSUL, REDHEAD DOES RISK LOSS OF CITIZENSHIP IF HE ACCEPTS POSITION. SUGGEST EMBASSY PROVIDE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO GOG INFORMALLY AND SUGGEST THAT GOG CONVEY IT TO REDHEAD. DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO PROVIDE REDHEAD WITH TEXT OF APPLICABLE SECTION OF IMMIGRATION UNCLASSIFIED

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AND NATIONALITY ACT OF 1952 AS AMENDED. UNDER APPLICABLE

BRITISH LAWS, REDHEAD RETAINED HIS STATUS AS CITIZEN OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND COLONIES WHEN HE WAS NATURALIZED AS A U.S. CITIZEN ON NOVEMBER 26, 1957. AS A

BRITISH SUBJECT, REDHEAD BECAME CITIZEN OF GRENADA FEBRUARY 7, 1974, DATE WHICH GRENADA BECAME INDEPENDENT. THEREFORE, REDHEAD IS CONSIDERED TO BE A NATIONAL OF GRENADA. AS SUCH, BY ACCEPTING AN HONORARY OR A CAREER POSITION OF THE GOG REDHEAD WOULD BE JEOPARDIZING HIS U.S. CITIZENSHIP UNDER PROVISIONS OF SECTION 349(A)(4) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT OF 1952. ACCEPTANCE OF ANY DIPLOMATIC POSITION OF A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERED AN IMPORTANT POLITICAL POST WHICH IN THE OPINION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE U.S. IS HIGHLY PERSUASIVE EVIDENCE OF AN INTENT TO RELINQUISH CITIZENSHIP OF THE U.S. IT IS NOTED IN THIS REGARD THAT ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH POSITION WHILE ABROAD NORMALLY RESULTS IN AUTOMATIC EXPATRIATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED. HOWEVER, UNDER SECTION 351(A) OF

THE INS ACT, IF THE INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED ACCEPTS SUCH A POSITION WHILE WITHIN THE UNITED STATES, HE CANNOT EXPATRIATE HIMSELF UNLESS HE THEREAFTER TAKES UP A RESIDENCE OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES WITH THE INTENTION OF REMAINING THERE AND NOT RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES (E.G., AFTER A TEMPORARY VISIT).

4. SHOULD REDHEAD DECIDE TO ACCEPT POSITION AS HONORARY CONSUL, BEFORE ACTION MAY BE TAKEN TO GRANT HIM RECOGNITION IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR HIM TO FILE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE A FORM D5394 (NOTIFICATION OF STATUS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENT). A COPY OF THIS FORM WILL BE POUCHED TO EMBASSY FYI. THE DEPARTMENT WILL SEND FORM

D5394 DIRECTLY TO REDHEAD UPON NOTIFICATION OF HIS APPOINTMENT. KISSINGER

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